

**Gallatin 4-H Unlimited Leaders Council
December 11, 2007
MacKenzie River Pizza, Belgrade, MT**

CALL TO ORDER: 6:40pm by President, Kelley Phipps.

ROLL CALL: Council members present were Kelley Phipps, Laura Lee Harvey, Leia Miller, Todd Kesner, Ginny Francis, Betsy Heckel, Chris Phipps, and Scott Francis.

SECRETARY'S REPORTS: Betsy moved, seconded by Chris, that the minutes be approved as written. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Leia moved, seconded by Betsy, that the Treasurer's Report be approved as written. Motion carried.

GUEST PRESENTATIONS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

COMMITTEE AND LEADER REPORTS:

- Bar J Wranglers Update – Jr. Fiddlers: Scott and Ginny report that things are running smoothly and approximately 600 tickets have already been sold. There will be ads run in the Bozeman and Belgrade Chronicle, XL Country, as well as ABC, CBS, NBC, and PBS. There are about 14 kids interested in ushering. The Jr. Fiddlers are interested in playing before the concert. It was generally felt this is a good idea. Scott will check with the Bar J Wranglers to see if they may use the stage.
- Fair Planning/Market Sale Committee: Ginny and Laura Lee reported there were four people were in attendance. The committee thought clubs displays were a great idea, but would like to see 4-H have much more room than last year. Other ideas included increasing premiums, identifying key people from each project area to help with all aspects of fair, having enough room for the Robotic Project to do demonstrations and possibly supplementing Demo Day demonstration when the Robotics area is not in use, more representation from project members and leaders, and see what other counties do for Fair. Ginny will write a note for the Newsletter. Scott has found a \$500 donation from NorthWestern Energy to help sponsor ribbons. The more ribbon sponsors we get, the larger we can make premiums. Meetings are the second Monday of the month at 6:30pm, located at the Manhattan Athletic Club unless otherwise notified.
- Coupon/Gift Cards: The coupon cards still are not moving very well. We have not sold enough to cover what it cost the Council to have them printed. It was suggestion we call them Gift Cards for a better marketing response. A table selling the Gift Cards will be set up at the Bar J Wranglers concert and the Sweetheart Fur and Feathers show by the Poultry Project.
- Strategic Plan: There were seven people in attendance at the first meeting, and a lot of progress was made. Todd presented the council with notes from the meeting and a survey we could use. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 28, 2008 at 6:30pm, located at the Manhattan Athletic Club unless otherwise notified. The committee would like to have Park and other surrounding counties in attendance.
- Robotics Project: Todd attended the first Robotic meeting, and was thoroughly impressed and told the Council to attend a meeting if they had an opportunity to see how well the project has taken off.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- Fair Ribbon Bill: In 2004, premiums went out before the fair ribbons bill was paid as we received the bill from the Fairgrounds late. Todd had been slowly paying off this bill, but would like to get it paid off before he leaves. Scott moved, seconded by Chris, to pay the 2004 Fair Ribbons Bill in the amount of \$1,262.18, with the funds coming from Late Fees. Motion carried.
- Shooting Sports/Cowboy Action Grant: Todd is piloting a Cowboy Action Project in Gallatin County. He has approached Sportsman's Warehouse and they have offered him a discounted price. Betsy motioned, seconded by Scott to recommend the Foundation fully fund the grant. Motion carried.
- Gallatin 4-H Summer Camp Entry Deadline: Camp will be held from June 15-20, 2008. Scott moved, seconded by Chris, that the deadline for 4-H Summer Camp be June 02, 2008. The Late Fee deadline with a \$10 late fee will be June 09,

2008. Motion carried.

- Gallatin County Fair Entry Deadline: The Gallatin County Fair will take place from July 16-19, 2008. Scott moved, seconded by Chris, that the deadline for entries be June 30, 2008. The Late Fee deadline with a \$5.00 late fee will be July 07, 2008. Absolutely no late entries are to be accepted after July 07, 2008. Motion carried.
- Zero Out Unused Side Account: To cut down on accounting tracking, Todd would like to zero out unused side accounts. Scott moved, seconded by Laura Lee, to zero out the accounts stated. Any fund provided by the Gallatin 4-H Foundation will be reimbursed to the Gallatin 4-H Foundation. Todd will double check the negative balance on the Big Timber Water Park as there should not be a balance on it. Motion carried.
- Change to Constitution and By-Laws: All 4-H entities are now to be chartered. This would include the Council and Foundation. The revision, paraphrased, states that if the Council were to cease to exist, after all outstanding bills have been paid, the remaining fund would go to the Gallatin 4-H Foundation. If the Gallatin County 4-H Foundation at that time did not exist, or cease to exist at any time in the future, all fund would be move to the Montana 4-H Foundation. Betsy moved, seconded by Scott, to accept the revision to the Constitution and By-Laws. Motion carried. Signatures from Kelley, Laura Lee, and Leia Miller were obtained. Todd will obtain Brenda's signature.
- WRLF: The early bird deadline has passed. Todd urged those interested in attending get together, and turn in a grant as soon as possible before the fees go up again.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- January 08, 2008 ~ Gallatin 4-H Unlimited Leaders Council Meeting
- January 14, 2008 ~ Horse Committee Meeting
- January 14, 2008 ~ 4-H Fair and Marketing Committee
- January 24, 2008 ~ Gallatin 4-H Foundation Winter Meeting
- January 28, 2008 ~ Strategic Planning Meeting
- March 06-09, 2008 WRLF 2008 in Boise, ID <http://www.4h.uidaho.edu/wrlf/>
- April 04-06, 2008 ~ Rec Lab in Billings, MT
- June 02, 2008 ~ Deadline for the Gallatin County 4-H Summer Camp Entries
- June 09, 2008 ~ Late Fee Deadline for the Gallatin County 4-H Summer Camp
- June 15-20, 2008 ~ Gallatin County 4-H Summer Camp
- June 30, 2008 ~ Deadline for Fair Entries
- July 07, 2008 ~ Late Fee Deadline for Fair Entries *****ENTRIES WILL not BE ACCEPTED AFTER JULY 07, 2008*****
- July 16-29, 2008 ~ Gallatin County Fair
- September 28, 2008 ~ State Leaders Forum in Great Falls, MT

ADJOURNED: Adjourned at 8:30pm by President, Kelley Phipps.

Secretary: Leia Miller/klp